(*a*) the number of applications for remission of tax for the first half of 1097 received from the ryots of each of the taluks of the Trivandrum Division;

(*b*) the number of cases of remission granted or refused in each of the above-said taluks; and

(*c*) the total demand on account of Sirkar tax on paddy lands due from the first half of 1097 in each of the said taluks and the amounts remitted on account of failure of the Kanni crop of 1097?

Chief Secretary Mr. N. Rajaram Rao.

9. A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) A statement giving the information required by the member is laid on the table, so far as the taluks of Neyyattinkara and Trivandrum are concerned, to which alone the Remission Rules dated the 28th June 1914, are applicable. The other two taluks of the Division, *viz.*, Nedumangad and Chirayinkil, do not come within the purview of those rules (*vide* Appendix I).

Mr. N. Kumaran Asan.

10. Q.—(*a*) With reference to the answer furnished by Government to interpellations Nos. 14 (1), (2), and (3) (*a*) & (*c*) put at the meeting of the Council held on the 2nd June 1921, will the Government be pleased to state whether the enquiry referred to therein has been completed, and, if so, what the results thereof are?

(*b*) Will they also be pleased to state whether they have taken any practical steps towards the removal of the notice boards in question, permanent or temporary, and, if so, who those steps are?

Chief Secretary Mr. N. Rajaram Rao.

10. A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The enquiry is nearing completion. Steps are being taken to throw open all public highways to all classes of the subjects of His Highness the Maha Raja. Steps are also being taken to similarly throw open all roads and streets, except such as are wholly or partly not open to all classes at stated intervals or throughout the year according to established custom.

Mr. N. Kumaran Asan.

11. Q.— With reference to the answers furnished by Government to Questions Nos. 4 and 7 put at the meeting of the Council held on the 24th February 1921, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a caste-war statement of appointments made by the heads of the various departments from the 1st Chingam till the end of Karkadakam 1096, showing the dates of applications received, the qualifications of the candidates and the dates of appointments, etc.?

Secretary Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.

11. A.—A caste-war statement of permanent initial appointments made by heads of departments during 1096 together with the qualifications of the persons so appointed will be compiled and laid on the table. As information regarding the dates of applications received and the dates of appointment cannot be furnished without an amount of labour which in the opinion of Government is not commensurate with its importance, Government regret their inability to furnish it.

Mr. N. Kumaran Asan.

12. Q.— With reference to their answer to Question No. 16 put at the meeting of the Council held on the 2nd June 1921, will the Government be pleased to state whether the investigation in respect of the fires in question has been now closed, and if so, what the results thereof are?

Secretary Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.

12. A—The investigation in respect of the occurrence in the Ambalapuzha temple has been closed. The origin of the fire has not been successfully traced. Final reports on the investigations in respect of the occurrences in the Kilirur and Pattiyur temples have not yet been received.

Mr. M. Subrahmanya Pillai.

13. Q.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the details of retrenchment effected in the establishments of the various departments of the State during 1096 and up to Tulam 1097, as also the financial effects thereof?

Financial Secretary Mr. K. George.

13. A.—A statement will be prepared and placed on the table.

Mr M. Subrahmanya Pillai.

14. Q.—Will the Government be pleased to state what progress they have been able to make in their programme of railway extension as foreshadowed in the Dewan's address to the last session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly?

Secretary Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.

14. A—The matter is still under correspondence.

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